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EDUCATION BILL DECRIED

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs discusses the ongoing rejection of Bill C-33, the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act, during a news conference in Ottawa on Monday. Several First Nations leaders, including Chief Okimaw Wallace Fox of Onion Lake Cree Nation, are opposing the bill. More coverage, page 8. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SaskPower rate hikes OK'd for two years

Review outcome. But panel shuts down plan for three-year increase

The Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel has pulled the plug on SaskPower's plan to raise rates by about five per cent a year for three years.

The panel has approved an average rate increase of 5.5 per cent this year and given conditional approval for a five per cent hike next year.

The panel says there are concerns about SaskPower's forecasting costs.

The need and timing of new projects has also been called into question and the panel says SaskPower should be clearer about its plans.

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"While many of the capital expenditures are justified ... the panel agrees with several customers who expressed concern about SaskPower's forecasting costs over a multi-year period."

Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel chairwoman Kathy Weber

The utility usually asks for rate increases one year at a time, but last October applied for the three-year hike, saying it would give customers and the company better ways to budget.

SaskPower has said it needs the increase to pay for new projects and to keep pace with the province's growing economy.

"While many of the capital expenditures are justified and necessary to provide a safe and reliable power supply to the province, the panel agrees with several customers who expressed concern about SaskPower's forecasting costs over a multi-year period," chairwoman Kathy Weber said in a news release Monday.

"A more transparent process will assist in educating the general public and the stakeholders, and will provide the panel with the information needed to make recommendations on future rate increases."

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Sask. finance minister to retire after two decades in politics

Ken Krawetz.
Politician 'impossible to replace,' Premier Brad Wall says

Long-serving deputy premier and Finance Minister Ken Krawetz wiped a tear from his eye Monday after announcing that he won't run again in the next Saskatchewan election.

Krawetz, whose voice often boomed above others in the legislature, says retiring was a hard decision.

"My wife and I and family started talking about this a year ago and saying should we look at another four-year term starting in 2016. And for me, again with being as lucky as I am with my cardiac situation, I just want to move on to enjoying family," Krawetz said Monday at the legislature.

Since 1989, Krawetz says he has had four angioplasties and had triple heart bypass surgery in April 2000.

Krawetz was first elected as the MLA for Canora-Pelly in 1995 as a Liberal.

But Krawetz changed the political landscape in 1997 when he joined three other Liberals and four Progressive Conservatives to form the Saskatchewan Party in 1997. He was leader of the Opposition until 1999.

The former teacher and school board official was named deputy premier and Education minister when the Saskatchewan Party won the 2007 election. He became finance minister in 2010.

Krawetz says one of his proudest moments was winning that first election in 1995.

"I was not supposed to win. I did not receive a lot of support from the provincial organization at that time, but I was just told to do the best I could ... and I won that seat by 50 votes," he recalled.

Premier Brad Wall says Krawetz has been a pillar of the Saskatchewan Party and is "impossible to replace."

"But, you know, we talked about this, Ken and I did, and I knew that he'd been talking with (his wife) Gail for some time, for the last year or so and he's made his final decision now," Wall said.

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Deputy premier Ken Krawetz addresses the media Monday afternoon at the Saskatchewan legislature.
SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Police respond to crashes on snowy roads

Saskatchewan RCMP responded to more than 25 calls on roads across the province on Monday as snowy conditions made for a dangerous morning commute.

Officers say it's unusual to see so many collisions so close together, explaining accidents may be rooted in drivers being unprepared for winter conditions in early spring.

"Everybody has that bug to kind of look forward towards the warm weather," Sgt. Craig Cleary of the RCMP said on Monday.

"People do have a tendency to switch out their winter tires or kind of get into that spring/summer mode and unfortunately, we may be seeing some of the effects of that today."

Main incidents involved a jackknifed semi blocking larger traffic on Highway 11 near Craik and a head-on collision at the junction of Highway 47 and 361 near Estevan, which sent a 35-year-old woman to hospital as a precautionary measure.

Police in the province's major urban centres say they were called to collisions as a result of the snow, but said no injuries were reported.

Elizabeth Popowich with the Regina Police Service said officers responded to nine collisions between 8 p.m. Sunday and noon Monday.

"We've had more than the usual number of collisions reported," she said. "But it's kind of unusual weather."

"If this was a winter day, it wouldn't be an odd number." MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Saskatchewan Research Council unveils innovative biodigester

Energy. New product given to agriculture museum may make farmers take a new look at the mess their livestock leaves behind

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It's a made-in-Saskatchewan product showcasing how innovation can alleviate one of agriculture's biggest woes.

And it might just prompt a radical rethink of how farmers see the messes left behind by their livestock.

Bioprocessing and energy specialists at the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) have built a functioning biodigester, which breaks down and converts animal waste into energy.

"It's an environmentally friendly piece of equipment," Erin Taman Athmer, SRC's communications manager told Metro.

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"It can help (farmers) reduce their energy footprint on their farm."

Erin Taman Athmer, Saskatchewan Research Council communications manager

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The small-scale machine, built in the spring of 2013, has been sent to the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum (CAFM) in Ottawa, where it was unveiled in a special ceremony on Monday.

The biodigester works when farm manure is loaded into its tank, where microorganisms ingest it and produce methane gas.

The methane is collected at the top of the tank before it is moved into the bag-like bladder section of the device.

Once full, the bladder releases the methane, which is then utilized as an energy source.

The leftover waste — known as digestate — can be collected and used as fertilizer.

While some biodigesters may produce a noxious scent, Taman Athmer notes that the SRC's model has a filter to remove the odour-producing element from the methane gas.

The SRC's unit, which took approximately five months to build, will be featured at the museum as an example of how ingenuity in the agriculture field can transform something seen as a major nuisance into a much-needed power source.

"Here at CAFM, we are proud to showcase the various aspects of energy science and innovation in the agricultural sector," Fernand Proulx, acting president and CEO of the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation, said in a prepared statement.

Saskatchewan Research Council president and CEO Dr. Laurier Schramm joins other government officials in cutting the ribbon to officially unveil the biodigester at the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum Monday in Ottawa. Inset: The Saskatchewan Research Council's biodigester with its bladder full of bio-gas. CONTRIBUTED; INSET: TOM ALFOLDI/CONTRIBUTED

Man charged in alleged drive-by murder attempt

Police in Regina have charged a 20-year-old man with attempted murder and a firearms-related offence in connection to a suspected drive-by shooting Friday evening that sent a teenager to the hospital with serious injuries.

Kenyon Ralph Kay, of no fixed address, faces one count of attempted murder and one count of possession of a firearm contrary to prohibition.

According to city police, a 19-year-old man was walking westbound on the north sidewalk of Fourth Avenue, west of Athol Street, at approximately 8 p.m. Friday when a vehicle stopped in front of him. The suspect allegedly exited the vehicle and shot the victim before returning to the vehicle and fleeing the scene.

After receiving a call about a person being shot and arriving in the area, police located the victim nursing an apparent gunshot wound in his abdomen area.

"The (wounded) male … was taken to hospital," Staff Sgt. Evan Bray told Metro on Sunday. "At first, he was classified as (being in) serious condition but has been upgraded now. They are calling it a non-life-threatening injury (and) expect a full recovery."

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"Police are continuing to investigate all aspects of this case, including the possibility that this may be gang-related."

Police spokeswoman Elizabeth Popowich

During the subsequent investigation, police say they located and seized the weapon. Kay was arrested and charged on Saturday.

"Police are continuing to investigate all aspects of this case, including the possibility that this may be gang-related," Elizabeth Popowich, police spokeswoman, said in an email message. "Further charges are anticipated."

Kay made his first appearance in court on the charges Monday morning. METRO

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Start of tornado season ravages U.S., Arkansas hit the hardest

Fatalities also reported in Oklahoma and Iowa. Midwest and South brace for further severe weather

Emergency officials searched for survivors Monday in debris left by a powerful tornado that killed at least 14 in Arkansas and carved a 130-kilometre path of destruction through suburban Little Rock.

The tornado that slammed into Vilonia, just north of the state's capital city, grew to about a kilometre wide Sunday and was among a rash of tornadoes and strong storms that rumbled across the Midwest and South.

It may be rated the nation's strongest this year, at least an EF3, with winds greater than 218 km/h, according to the National Weather Service. By comparison, the strongest possible tornado rates an EF5.

"We don't have a count on injuries or missing. We're trying to get a handle on the missing part," said Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe on Monday. "Just looking at the damage, this may be one of the strongest we have seen."

An earlier toll of 16 was changed to 14 after it was clear that two victims were counted twice, Arkansas governor's aide Matt DeCample said, though he expects the overall death toll to rise.

Brandon Morris, spokesman for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, said crews were sifting through the rubble in the hope of uncovering survivors and to assess the damage.

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Sherry Lee, left, and her daughter-in-law Amanda Lee react after finding family photos among the ruins of Sherry's home on Cemetery Street Monday. KAREN E. SEGRAVE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Initial reports

Tornado season roared in, causing millions in damage and a death toll still undetermined. Reports are still emerging of the toll on life and property. Among the damage:

- **Fourteen dead in Arkansas.** Nine dead in Vilonia alone
- **One dead reported in Quapaw, Okla.** Another reported in southeastern Iowa
- **New $14-million intermediate school in Little Rock, Ark.** Completely destroyed
- **100 homes and businesses in Kansas razed.** 25 injuries also reported

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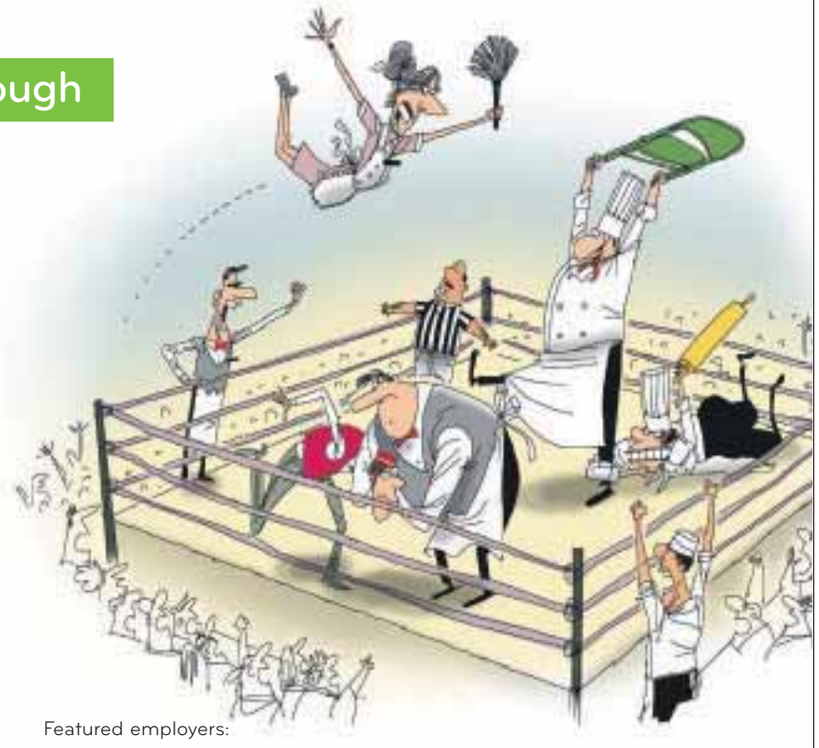

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Team searches for remains of Spanish author

Operators scan the altar at the Convent of the Barefoot Trinitarians in Madrid's historic Barrio de las Letras, or Literary Quarter. PAUL WHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Miguel de Cervantes, Spain's greatest writer, was a soldier of little fortune. He died penniless in Madrid, his body riddled with bullets. His burial place was a tiny convent church no larger than the entrance hall of an average house.

No more was heard of the 16th-century author until the rediscovery of a novel featuring an eccentric character called Don Quixote rescued him from oblivion. Four centuries later, Spain intends to do the great man justice.

A team that will search for Cervantes' remains began exploratory work Monday and final conclusions will be known by the year's end. The estimated cost of the operation is $138,000 US.

Cervantes lived in a neighbourhood of narrow streets, small houses and taverns full of artists and hustlers. He was buried in 1616 on his death at the age of 68. Years later the chapel was expanded to its current — still modest — proportions.

According to Fernando Prado, the historian in charge of the project, just five people, including a child and Cervantes, are buried there.

The first phase will consist of exploration using radar. Excavation will begin if bones are detected. Then the investigation turns to forensic anthropologist Francisco Etxeberria.

Forensic identification will be the last part of the process. Any bones found may have been mixed up.

Prado said that with no living Cervantes descendants, DNA analysis is unlikely to lead anywhere.

The investigation will refer to the author's portraits and his own stories, in which he relates that shortly before dying he had only six teeth.

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Ohio to increase lethal injection dosage after previous execution

Ohio said Monday it's boosting the dosages of its lethal injection drugs even as it stands by the January execution of an inmate who made unusual snorting and gasping sounds that led to a civil rights lawsuit by his family and calls for a moratorium.

The state's new policy considerably increases the amount of the sedative used in its two-drug combination and raises the amount of the painkiller, both of which are injected simultaneously, according to a court filing. The state said it was making the changes "to allay any remaining concerns" after the last execution.

The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction said its review of the Jan. 16 execution of Dennis McGuire determined he was asleep and unconscious a few minutes after the drugs were administered.

"He did not experience pain, distress or air hunger after the drugs were administered or when the bodily movements and sounds occurred," the state said. "Therefore, his execution was conducted in a constitutional manner consistent with the policy."

The long and fitful execution of McGuire with a then-untested combination of chemicals brought cries of cruel and unusual punishment.

A gasping, snorting McGuire took 26 minutes to die after the chemicals began flowing. McGuire's adult children complained it amounted to torture, with the convicted killer's son saying: "Nobody deserves to go through that."

States are in a bind for two main reasons: European companies have cut off supplies of certain execution drugs because of opposition to capital punishment in Europe.

And states can't simply switch to other chemicals without triggering legal challenges from defence attorneys.

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U.S. aid

Audit: Haiti mission behind schedule

A U.S. government audit of Haiti health-care projects financed by Washington has found many of them to be significantly behind schedule.

The projects aimed to improve the health and nutrition of Haitians in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake. This meant reinforcing the physical infrastructure of several health facilities, building three medical supply warehouses, and rebuilding a state university teaching hospital and a separate campus.

Instead, the audit by the U.S. Agency for International Development's inspector general found "limited progress," citing a delay in the construction of the health facilities.

USAID officials say they welcome such reports because they show where improvement is needed.

The audit attributed the delays to several factors, including a dearth of qualified personnel and the vacancy of a mission director for 13 months.

The Haiti mission also struggled to attract qualified USAID engineers.

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Stowaway teen's mother seeks reunion with kids

Shedder Refugee Camp. It's home to the boy's mother and some 10,300 Somalis who fled due to militant violence

The Somali mother's home is a frame of sticks covered by ragged blankets on the dusty grounds of this refugee camp. It was here that her 15-year-old son wanted to travel on an impossible journey as a stowaway on a plane from California.

Ubah Mohammed Abdule hasn't seen her boy — who was hospitalized in Hawaii after landing there in the wheel well of a jetliner — for eight long years.

Wearing a black and white head covering, Abdule wept as she stood before the flimsy shelter holding her meagre possessions and spoke about her son.

She told journalists from The Associated Press, who travelled to see her in remote eastern Ethiopia, that she was alarmed by the dangerous method of travel her son undertook. Those who stow away in wheel wells of airplanes have little chance of surviving, and many who attempt it are Africans desperate for a better life in Europe or America.

But Yahya Abdi had been unhappy in California and desperately missed his mother, according to those who know his family.

So on April 20, Abdi hopped a fence at San Jose International Airport and climbed into the wheel well of a jetliner. It was bound for Hawaii, the opposite direction of Ethiopia. Somehow he survived the sub-zero temperatures and lack of oxygen. He has not spoken publicly about the ordeal.

"I knew he was an intelligent boy who has strong affections for me. I also knew he always wanted to see me, but I know his father won't let them contact me at all," Abdule said.

Abdule said she has not spoken with her son since he moved to the U.S. in 2006. The boy's father has lied to their three children, the mother said, telling them that she's dead.

In this photo taken Sunday, Ubah Mohammed Abdule, 33, feeds her son Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, 8, as her daughter Neshad Yusuf Ahmed, 5, looks on, outside her hut in the Shedder refugee camp near the town of Jigjiga, in far eastern Ethiopia. ELIAS ASMARE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The father of Yahya first took the children away from me to Sudan. Then he came back to Somalia and demanded my consent for him to take the children to the U.S. if I want a formal divorce. I was not OK with that and said no," Abdule said through tears.

"Finally, he took all three of my children to the U.S. without my knowledge."

Abdule said she wants to leave the camp and reunite with her children and has asked the Ethiopian government and the UN refugee agency to help her do so. She has passed her first interview with the agency to make the list of those who might qualify to immigrate to America, said a legal protection officer at the refugee camp.

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Muslim Brotherhood leader sentenced to death

A woman mourns after a judge in Egypt sentenced to death 683 alleged supporters of the country's ousted Islamist president in the latest mass trial in the southern city of Minya, Egypt, Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Egyptian judge sentenced to death the Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader and 682 other people Monday in the latest in a series of high-stakes mass trials that have been unprecedented in scope, drawing sharp condemnation from international rights groups.

The verdicts — which were appealed by the general prosecutor — come as the military-backed government has launched a massive crackdown against Islamist supporters of ousted leader Mohammed Morsi, under the banner of "war against terrorism" while tightening its grip on the Arab world's most populous nation.

Suggesting there might be room for reversal, the same judge also reduced the sentences against 529 defendants indicted in a similar case in March, upholding the death penalty for only 37 and commuting the rest to life imprisonment.

Still, the three dozen death sentences that were upheld was an extraordinarily high number for Egypt, compared to the dramatic trial in the wake of the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat, when only five people were sentenced to death and executed.

Judge Said Youssef said he was referring Monday's death sentences — which were for convictions of violence and killing policemen — to the Grand Mufti, the nation's top Islamic official — a requirement under Egyptian law that is usually considered a formality but also gives room for the judge to change his mind.

Of the 683, all but 68 were tried in absentia.

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Rape case. Paris police boss wants accused officers off the force

The director of the Paris police service says he wants the officers implicated in the alleged rape of a Canadian woman out of his department.

Bernard Petit's remarks Monday to French radio station Europe1 came as authorities investigated two officers accused of raping the Canadian tourist at the city's police headquarters.

Both officers from the elite police unit, as well as a third who's considered a witness, have been suspended pending the outcome of an investigation that could take weeks or even months to complete.

French media have reported a 34-year-old Toronto woman met the off-duty officers in a bar last week and later went with them to their workplace.

As she left the station, she reportedly told another police officer she'd been raped, but a lawyer for one of the suspects told The Canadian Press the sex was consensual.

The police director told the radio station Monday he would not discuss the criminal allegations, but he called the behaviour of the officers from the noted anti-gang unit "absolutely unacceptable and intolerable."

"From an administrative point of view, things are clear in our minds," said Petit, who also noted they should have never have let someone from the outside into the headquarters. "These boys no longer have a place within our unit."

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve announced over the weekend the officers had been removed from their posts during the investigation.

He also said a disciplinary inquiry within the force is already underway.

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Railway crossing safety

Transport Canada spending $9.2M

The federal government says it will spend $9.2 million this year to improve safety at railway crossings.

The money is being made available as part of a cost-sharing agreement with railways and governments that have authority over local roads. Transport Canada says the improvements could include installing flashing lights and bells, gate barriers and other devices. The Transportation Safety Board has said there have been 658 accidents over the last 10 years at so-called passive railway crossings, including 59 deaths and 107 serious injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Attack on baby girl

Pit bull to be euthanized

A pit bull that bit a 14-month-old Ottawa girl in the face is being euthanized.

Police say the little girl suffered serious injuries to her face when she was bitten in her home Sunday while trying to pat the dog, which her family had taken in.

She was taken to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario to be treated for injuries that were described as serious but non-life-threatening.

Her family has declined to update the media on her condition.

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Snake trouble

Austrian stumbles onto large python

Austrian police are looking for the owner of a large python — and the driver who found it may think twice before picking the next spot to stretch his legs.

Police said Monday they were called to the scene about 100 kilometres west of Vienna after the unidentified driver stumbled onto the 2.5-metre reptile packed in a jute sack in a forest near a highway.

The snake was found late last week. A pet shop has volunteered to temporarily care for it while police look for its owner.

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Mayor shot, pro-Ukraine rally attacked as tensions rise in east

A bloodied man awaits medical assistance Monday after he was beaten by pro-Russian activists in Donetsk, Ukraine. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eastern cities.

Police stand aside as pro-Russia activists beat up demonstrators in Donetsk; mayor possibly targeted to destabilize Kharkiv, friend says

The mayor of Ukraine's second-largest city of Kharkiv, a hub of 1.5 million people, was shot in the back Monday and hundreds of men attacked a peaceful pro-Ukraine rally with batons, bricks and stun grenades, wounding dozens as tensions soared in Ukraine's volatile east.

In the eastern city of Donetsk, about 1,000 demonstrators carrying Ukrainian flags marched through the streets to hold a pro-Ukrainian rally Monday night. They were attacked by several hundred armed men shouting "Russia!" Police attempted to hold the pro-Russia men back, but then stood aside as dozens of protesters were battered.

Hennady Kernes, the mayor of Kharkiv, was shot in the back Monday morning while cycling on the outskirts of the city, his office said. He underwent surgery and was reported by the hospital to be in "grave but stable" condition.

Kernes' friend and former Kharkiv governor Mykhailo Dobkin told journalists the attackers had aimed at Kernes' heart and wanted to kill him to destabilize the city

Elsewhere in the east, pro-Russia militants wearing masks gained another foothold, seizing a city hall building and police station in the city of Kostyantynivka, 160 kilometres from the Russian border. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New sanctions

Canada, U.S. target Putin's inner circle

Canada is following the United States in once again stepping up the pressure on Moscow over the crisis in Ukraine. Prime Minister Stephen Harper says two Russian companies and nine individuals will face new sanctions.

And he suggests more economic sanctions could be on the way unless Russian President Vladimir Putin follows through on an April 17 agreement that was designed to ease tensions in Ukraine.

A half-dozen CF-18 fighter jets are also scheduled to depart Tuesday to assist NATO operations in eastern Europe.

Earlier Monday, the U.S. imposed sanctions on seven Russian government officials and 17 companies linked to Putin. It also revoked licences for some high-tech products used by Russia's military.

The new sanctions were milder than many in Moscow had feared. They did not affect any public companies or major sectors of the economy.

The European Union meanwhile slapped visa bans and asset freezes on 15 individuals alleged to be involved with stoking instability in eastern Ukraine. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NBA. Advertisers drop L.A. Clippers from roster amid racism controversy

Advertisers are backing away from the Los Angeles Clippers after racist comments attributed to the NBA team's owner.

Used car dealership chain CarMax, airline Virgin America, and the Chumash Casino Resort said Monday that they are ending their sponsorships of the Clippers in the wake of comments allegedly made by the team's owner, Donald Sterling.

Two other sponsors, Kia Motors America and Red Bull, said they are suspending their advertising and sponsorship activities with the team. Another sponsor, insurer State Farm, said it "will be taking a pause in our relationship with the organization."

A car drives past the CarMax sign at the dealership in Oak Lawn, Ill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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First Nations leaders call for end to aboriginal education bill

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, centre, speaks with Okimaw Wallace Fox (Onion Lake Cree Nation), left, and Chief Craig Makinaw (Ermineskin Cree Nation) as they leave a press conference in Ottawa on Monday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bill C-33. Some see the legislation as putting too much control of their children's education in the Conservative government's hands

The national chief of the Assembly of First Nations finds himself in the difficult spot of supporting a Harper government bill that one of his chief political rivals described Monday as an affront to Canada's aboriginal community.

Shawn Atleo has publicly backed Bill C-33, the so-called First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act, calling it a step toward long-standing aboriginal demands for control of their schooling, respect for their treaty rights and recognition of their language and culture.

An AFN analysis sent to chiefs last week said the status quo is "absolutely and fundamentally contrary to treaty, inherent and human rights and must change."

The document concluded Bill C-33 "is a constructive and necessary step."

But some First Nations leaders don't see it that way. They say the legislation strips away their rights and puts too much control over their children's education in the hands of the federal government.

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"We are a loving people. We are a caring people. We are a hospitable people. And we want what's best for our children."

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Self-driving cars by 2017?

Google says that cars it has programmed to drive themselves have started to master the navigation of city streets and the challenges they bring, from jaywalkers to weaving bicyclists — a critical milestone for any commercially available self-driving car technology.

Despite the progress over the past year, the cars have plenty of learning to do before 2017, when the Silicon Valley tech giant hopes to get the technology to the public.

None of the traditional automakers has been so bullish. Instead, they have rolled out features incrementally, including technology that brakes and accelerates in stop-and-go traffic or keeps cars in their lanes.

Dream to reality?

"We're growing more optimistic that we're heading toward an achievable goal — a vehicle that operates fully without human intervention."

Project director Chris Urmson, in a blog post

"I think the Google technology is great stuff. But I just don't see a quick pathway to the market," said David Alexander, a senior analyst with Navigant Research who specializes in autonomous vehicles.

His projection is that self-driving cars will not be commercial available until 2025.

Google's self-driving cars already can navigate freeways comfortably, albeit with a driver ready to take control.

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Xbox original shows coming

When it comes to original programming, Microsoft is going to throw it at the Xbox and see what sticks.

After nearly two years since launching a studio to create new shows to be streamed on Xbox consoles, Microsoft is finally ready to serve an assorted helping of original programming this summer for the Xbox 360 and Xbox One. However, viewers shouldn't expect Xbox Originals, as they're called, to be available the same way that content is provided on Netflix and Hulu.

"We don't necessarily know what approach will work, and we don't necessarily know what approach won't work," noted Nancy Tellem, the president of Xbox Entertainment Studios during a recent press preview of Xbox Originals at Microsoft's offices in Santa Monica, Calif.

XBOX ONE

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HAVE THE 'BURBS LOST THEIR APPEAL?

SHE SAYS

Jessica Napier
metronews.ca

After living in the city for seven years, I've come to love the idea of starting a family in an urban setting. Unfortunately my boyfriend, who was actually born and raised in the city, has romantic visions of relocating to a sprawling home with a large backyard, a finished basement and neighbours who actually talk to one another.

Earlier this month, the New York Times published an article about the dwindling populations of North American suburbs. In the past, young men and women moved to the city for a brief period of time to attend university and start their careers before returning back to their hometowns when it came time to settle down.

Today, these migratory patterns are changing as an increasing number of people in their 20s and 30s are relocating to urban areas and opting to stay there for good. More and more young professionals are choosing to forgo the front lawns and spacious driveways of suburbia in favour of a more dynamic life, with kids, downtown.

I spent my teenage years coming of age in an idyllic lakefront suburb where almost all of the designer homes came with their own swimming pool. I went to a "good" school populated by beautiful WASP-y teenagers who could have starred in their own reality show about moneyed suburbanites.

It wasn't an exciting place — I spent countless hours driving along identical tree-lined residential streets to strip malls filled with fast-food chains — but it was safe and comfortable, which are desirable qualities when you're looking for somewhere to raise your kids.

So why are these picture-perfect peripheral towns now failing to lure young families back from the city?

The suburbs might have space and privacy, but cities have character — and plenty of characters — that you just don't find in the homogeneous communities that surround them. And while a congested and unpredictable downtown might not seem like the ideal place for young children, urban environments do have a distinct allure.

Cities offer walkability, mass transit, independence and a vast array of entertainment options. Families have access to museums, galleries, restaurants, street festivals, sporting events and theatrical productions every day of the week. I'd be willing to sacrifice some square footage if it meant giving my future children the opportunity to enjoy the unique benefits that come with living in a demographically diverse and densely populated urban area.

They say the grass is always greener on the other side — except downtown, where the metaphorical grass is a slab of concrete — but I just can't imagine moving back to the 'burbs.

ZOOM

Mauled eagle

Photographer Stan Rife captured this image about 46 metres away from the battling birds. "I stayed at a distance as eagles are cautious and won't hesitate to fly off if they spot you. Even from where I was photographing, I could definitely hear a pretty loud thud or thump as the eagles made contact." COURTESY STAN RIFE/SOLENT NEWS

Bald eagle claws off rival for food

This bald eagle took a bit of a battering as a rival clawed his face in a fierce airborne fight.

The white-headed birds of prey grappled with each other in a row over fish that descended into a tense battle of the fittest. Photographer Stan Rife, 55, watched the feathers fly during the scrap near the Great Salt Lake, located in the northern part of the U.S. state of Utah. METRO

Fishy reasons

"I'd say 99.9 per cent of fights are over fish. One eagle will land and start to feast on a catch, and then another will come and try to steal it away."

Stan Rife, 55, wildlife photographer

Bald-eagle facts

- **Wingspan.** Up to 230 cm.
- **Plucky flock.** Bald eagles have some 7,000 feathers.
- **Speed.** Over 56 km/h in flight and up to 160 km/h in a hunting dive.
- **Symbol.** Adopted in 1782 as U.S. national coat of arms. 'Founding father' Benjamin Franklin was against the move due to bird's roguish behaviour.

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Lag: It's way funnier in real life

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Lag. We'll pause for a moment while you spit out the bad taste that word leaves in your mouth. But what if lag's effects weren't restricted to the Internet?

Well, it might look a little like this experiment involving an Oculus Rift, a webcam, hapless volunteers, some missed dance steps and — most importantly — a broadband Internet company's advertising dollars. If you're going to lag IRL, you're going to need to break a few eggs. And ruin a table tennis game. And ... (Via Umeaenergi on YouTube)

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M.I.A. talks divinity, art and holograms

Matangi. New album inspired by deity 'who looks and sounds like a woman who goes out there and fights for truth and justice'

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Earlier this month M.I.A. and Janelle Monáe sang and danced with holograms of each other while each singer performed on an opposite coast of America. Although M.I.A. says she enjoyed the experience, it's unlikely you'll see her do much more of this sort of thing soon.

"You have to have these mirrors and carefully positioned equipment, and at the moment my shows are a bit unpredictable," says M.I.A. "I'd want to have something pre-choreographed and worked out and I never have that type of show. I couldn't bring the crowd up onstage if I had it."

Does incorporating high theatrics into your shows mean you have to compromise spontaneity?
I like being the artist that can be like that, where it's not so precious. I think we're living in a time where of course there's pressure for me to become a theatrical production like Glee or something and for my show to become a well-organized, choreographed thing like a pop show.

It's like, "The pressure's on, bitches." Everybody's sort of supposed to become that thing. At least that's what's considered good entertainment. So if you're bringing something to the table that's more about the energy and the vibe of what's going on that night, then it's difficult, but I might try to figure that out and see about that.

With Matangi, you liken yourself to the Hindu goddess who gives the album its title. Could this idea of finding god within yourself be a trend in the collective consciousness of artists? Kanye West certainly explores it on the Yeezus album.
I didn't really come at it like that because the journey to do with me is using exactly the same set of codes, but telling a different story with it. It's not a newly constructed set of codes. It's exactly the same one as the first album and the second one, and the third one and the fourth one, whereas with Kanye, the album before he says he's Jesus is about complete excess and being a king and royalty and money and wealth and having fur coats and flying a private jet, so the next one is a totally different concept.

But mine is more of a progression because it's like you're still working on the concept of the name of M.I.A. and what that stands for and people representing untouchables and people that live in a certain demographic, and you're still talking about fighting for things. The deity is still somebody who looks and sounds like a woman who goes out there and fights for truth and justice, speaking out and freedom of expression, all of these things which have always been a theme in my work. ... It's not really "I am a god." It's kind of saying, "This thing is weird," and I found her only because the goddess is called the same name, but the things she represents were important things 5,000 years ago, but they're also still important today.

How did you come to know of Matangi? Was it something you grew up with in your culture?
It wasn't really something that I felt that connected to. … I sort of fell upon it. Everything sort of works like that. It's about your experience and it's about what you're doing in the day, and the things that concern me in my life. I'm just directing my first video for Double Bubble Trouble, and even that process is exactly the same; you walk down the street, you see something and shoot it, and it goes in the video.

So I'm not supposed to ask you too much about the NFL ordeal where they're suing over the middle finger on national television. Is that because you're tired of talking about it or because of the legal implications?
It's a legal thing and nothing's really been sorted out so I don't really know what to say.

M.I.A. says she resists pressure to turn her shows into "a theatrical production like Glee or something." GETTY IMAGES

M.I.A. performs with a hologram of Janelle Monáe. GETTY IMAGES

Why Matangi?

M.I.A. says the goddess Matangi is "exactly the things that we are all about today, like the fact that she carries a parrot who tweets and it represents human speech and consciousness and how repetitive it can become and the value of life. You know, we tweet certain concepts, and don't retweet certain concepts. All of these things are connected to that goddess, so she seemed quite appropriate, and fun at the same time."

DVD review

Labor Day

Director. Jason Reitman

Stars. Kate Winslet, Josh Brolin, Gattlin Griffith

A lonely single mom (Kate Winslet) getting her groove back through the Mr. Clean ministrations of a prison escapee (Josh Brolin) is the kind of eye-rolling scenario writer/director Jason Reitman would usually mock.

And the laughs would be welcomed, not the unintended kind that this glossy melodrama frequently summons.

The two fine actors are defeated by Reitman's screenplay, his irony-free adaptation of Joyce Maynard's 2009 novel. It's as overripe as the peaches that Brolin's Frank sexily folds into the pie he bakes for Winslet's Adele.

At no point does the film convince us that Frank is the least bit dangerous. Fatally, neither does it make us care about whether he and Adele will go from doing the rumba in the living room to the horizontal mambo in the bedroom.

The Selfish Giant

Director. Clio Barnard

Stars. Conner Chapman, Shaun Thomas, Sean Gilder

Not the Oscar Wilde children's story, more an inspired take on it in the kitchen-sink style of a Ken Loach drama.

The tragedy of Britain's underclass fatefully unspools in this sophomore feature by writer/director Clio Barnard (The Arbor), who guides casting finds Conner Chapman and Shaun Thomas to memorable performances as juvenile wire thieves who risk all for gain and greed.

Barnard is as skilled at conventional storytelling as she was with the formal experiments of her debut.

PETER HOWELL

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Look at that hair, look how it shines on Styles...

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Now that Chris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow are consciously uncoupled, let's all try to guess who Martin will couple with next. How about One Direction heart-throb Harry Styles?

The Coldplay frontman says he's a huge fan of One Direction — Styles in particular. "I'm saying One Direction are brilliant, and I'm not kidding. You know why? Because their songs are really good and I don't think that any of them are going to go solo," he told the BBC.

Chris doesn't just admire their musical prowess and comradeship: He also, like all humans with a pulse, thinks Harry Styles is cute as all get out.

"He has come to a couple of our shows. I think I probably said the same thing about chemistry. I can't remember — I was too enamoured with his haircut. I was like this: 'I was pretty sure I was a straight guy before.' I was having a hot flush," he said.

Good to know that Harry Styles' stupid adorable floppiness works on adults who should be even less susceptible than me. However, Chris Martin does have a 10-year-old daughter, so he'd better be discreet about his affection or he might find himself in a Tumblr feud with Apple.

Details of Geldof's death may come to light as inquest begins

Peaches Geldof

A British coroner will open an inquest this week into the death of Peaches Geldof and may reveal details of what killed the 25-year-old celebrity.

Kent County Council says a brief inquest hearing will be held Thursday. The council said in a statement Monday that a senior police officer will read a statement and the coroner will release the results of a post-mortem investigation.

The model and TV personality, daughter of Live Aid organizer Bob Geldof, was found dead at her home south of London on April 7. An initial autopsy was inconclusive and toxicology tests have been carried out.

Inquests are held in Britain to determine the facts in sudden, violent or unexplained deaths.

After the opening hearing, the inquest will be adjourned until later in the year.

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It's Hardy to be sure if this guy got hitched or not

Tom Hardy is apparently trying to get adjusted to married life before actually tying the knot, as he's been perplexing reporters recently by already referring to fiancée Charlotte Riley as his wife despite the fact that they haven't actually tied the knot yet, according to Us Weekly. "Well, my wife is an actor as well, so she sort of gets it," Hardy told the magazine at a recent event to promote his new film, Locke, in New York. "Apart from that, I'm a pain in the ass, really." Hardy also referred to Riley as "pure" and "very kind." The couple met while filming Wuthering Heights in 2009 and were engaged a year later. No wedding date has officially been set yet — assuming the event hasn't already happened.

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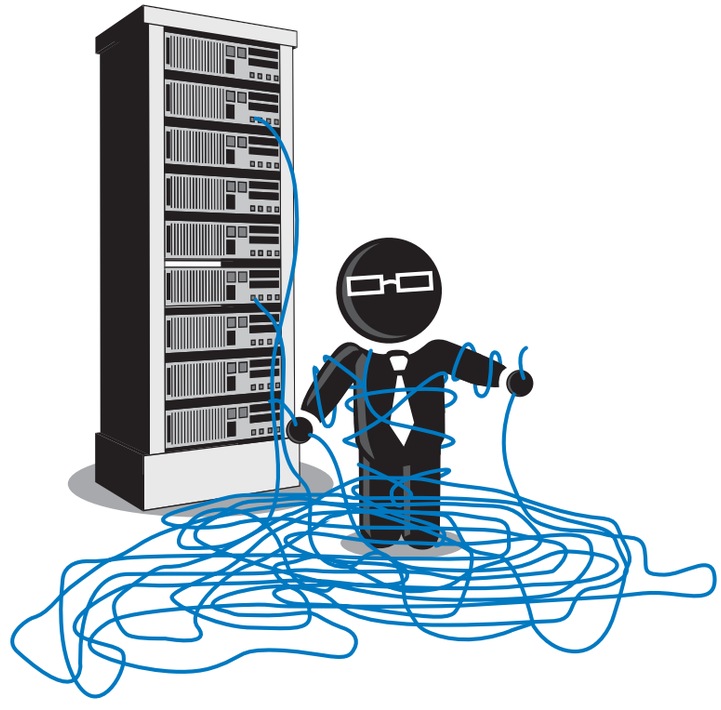

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Being hungry and being on a diet are two very different things. Dr. Joel Fuhrman, a nutritionist and author of Eat to Live, breaks down whole foods that will fill you up and do you good.

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Nutrition data from My Fitness Pal

Red kidney beans (cooked, 100 g)

WHY: "Beans are digested slowly, stabilizing blood sugar levels and reducing feelings of hunger. They're also high in resistant starch, a type of carbohydrate that is not absorbable by the body as calories."
Calories: 32 / Total fat: 0 g / Sugars: 5 g / Protein: 1 g / Dietary fibre: 2 g / Total carbs: 8 g

Strawberries (chopped, 100 g)

WHY: "Naturally sweet and low in sugar, strawberries don't raise blood glucose levels like a banana or date would."
EAT ABOUT: 200 g
Calories: 32 / Total fat: 0 g / Sugars: 5 g / Protein: 1 g / Dietary fibre: 2 g / Total carbs 8 g

Chia seeds (100 g)

WHY: "These act like a fat sponge in the digestive tract."
EAT ABOUT: 2 tbsp
Calories: 490 / Total fat: 31g / Sugars: 0g / Protein: 16g / Dietary fibre: 38g / Total carbs: 44g

Walnuts (raw, 100 g)

WHY: "These are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, a natural anti-inflammatory. Walnuts also contain plant sterols, which bind fat and put it in your stool so that the calories are not biologically available to the body."
EAT ABOUT: A handful
Calories: 654 / Total fat: 65 g / Sugars: 3 g / Protein: 15 g / Dietary fibre: 2 g / Total carbs: 14 g

Tomatoes (raw, 100 g)

WHY: "Tomatoes are high in the carotenoid antioxidant lycopene. Lycopene helps to defend the body's tissues against oxidative damage, a natural by-product of our metabolic processes."
EAT ABOUT: The more the better
Calories: 32 / Total fat: 0g / Sugars: 3 g / Protein: 1 g / Dietary fibre: 1 g / Total carbs: 3 g

Broccoli (raw, 100 g)

WHY: "Dark green vegetables are packed with nutrients and are so low in calories that they can be consumed in virtually unlimited quantities."
EAT ABOUT: The more the better
Calories: 39 / Total fat: 1 g / Sugars: 2 g / Protein: 4 g / Dietary fibre: 3 g / Total carbs: 2 g

Mushrooms (raw, 100 g)

WHY: "They contain powerful angiogenesis inhibitors. In other words, they prevent new blood vessel growth that is needed for fat tissue growth."
EAT ABOUT: 20 g
Calories: 22 / Total fat: 0 g / Sugars: 2 g / Protein: 3 g / Dietary fibre: 1 g / Total carbs: 3 g

Blueberries (frozen, 100 g)

WHY: "These are a good source of dietary fibre and have a low glycemic load (the impact of carbohydrates on blood sugar levels)."
EAT ABOUT: 120 g
Calories: 51 / Total fat: 1 g / Sugars: 8 g / Protein: 0 g / Dietary fibre: 3 g / Total carbs: 12 g

Spring-clean your pantry

As spring begins to liven up the winter gloom, homes everywhere are getting that seasonal thorough cleaning. This year, don't just wipe the windows: Start developing better eating habits by adding the pantry to your spring-cleaning list.

Registered dietitian Sharon Richter has been assisting New Yorkers with living healthier for 10 years.

"A lot of time, people don't realize that food's expired," Richter says. "[The pantry] is a great place to kind of refresh, see what's in there, and make sure that everything is current and that there are healthy options."

Expired foods are an obvious target for cleaning, but making sure that the other food in the cupboard is healthy can also lead to better eating habits. Removing foods with high fructose corn syrup, hydrogenated oils and MSG should also be a spring cleaning goal.

"I always say, look at the ingredients and see what's in there," Richter says.

Once those bad foods are gone, healthier options can begin to take their place. Richter recommends foods like whole grain cereals and dried fruit with no added sugar. "I'm big into the raw nuts," Richter says. "Pistachios are great because they take a long time to eat, instead of just shoving a handful in your mouth."

But don't just throw those new foods in the cabinet. Richter says placing those healthier options right up front makes healthy eating easier. "Have those grab-and-go things right in the forefront," Richter says. "Put the things that might be a little less healthy, like the cookies, in the back so they're not what your eyes see." **MAX PRINZ, METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK CITY**

After you clean out the bad stuff, load your pantry with healthy choices. ISTOCK

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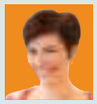

NUTRI-BITES
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Sheep's and goat's milk cheese are a staple all over the world. Canadians have a lot of exploring ahead of us.

Some of the benefits of these delicious options:

• People with dairy digestive issues tend to have an easier time getting the goodness of milk without the downsides of their intolerance.

• Milking sheep and goats have a much higher CLA (conjugated linoleic acid) amount. CLA is a good fat that is believed to help keep weight gain at a minimum.

• Sheep's milk has almost twice the calcium *and* protein of cow or goat milk.

• Both have unique and distinct tastes that can be made into any type of cheese: soft, washed rind like brie, or aged like cheddar.

I had the chance to milk sheep and I was surprised by how clean, gentle and sweet-smelling they were.

That warm, soft smell comes from a wax that their skin produces called lanolin. Yep, the same lanolin that you see as an ingredient in your hand cream.

Small sheep and goat farms are dotted across the country, producing artisan cheeses that are sold onsite or in small boutique and farmers' markets. Well worth seeking out. THERESA ALBERT IS A FOOD COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AND PRIVATE NUTRITIONIST IN TORONTO. SHE IS @THERESAALBERT ON TWITTER AND FOUND DAILY AT MYFRIENDINFOOD.COM

Soft sheep's ricotta or goat chèvre work equally well in this recipe. If you choose goat cheese, you'll have more zing!

Pancakes are not just sweet food anymore. Think of French crepes It's real comfort food.

1. Mix together pancake mix, ground almonds, wheat germ, garlic powder, white pepper with a whisk. Mix eggs, ricotta and milk.

2. Mix the two together while you heat a skillet.

Ingredients

- 2 cups pancake mix or gluten free pancake mix
- 1/2 cup ground almonds
- 1/2 cup wheat germ (omit if gluten free)
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- pinch white pepper
- 3 eggs
- 6 oz ricotta cheese, divided (or any soft sheep or goat cheese)
- 3 cups milk or goat milk
- mango chutney

This makes four to six servings. THERESA ALBERT

3. Fry like pancakes on one side until bubbles form, flip once. Top with extra cheese and mango chutney. THERESA ALBERT, NUTRITIONIST, IS FOUND DAILY AT MYFRIENDINFOOD.COM

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Lucic loves the heat from playoff hate

Enemy No. 1. Bruins forward relishing role as villain after spearing Red Wings' DeKeyser in first round

Milan Lucic, right, of the Bruins celebrates scoring a goal against the Red Wings with teammate Jarome Iginla during Game 5 of their first-round playoff series in Boston on Saturday. Lucic is shaping up to be a formidable villain this playoff season but he certainly wouldn't be the first. Scan the above image with the Metro News app to view a gallery of hockey's greatest villains. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

According to fans at Joe Louis Arena, "Lucic sucks."

The chants rained down from the sellout crowd during Game 4 last week, animosity built up after Milan Lucic speared Detroit Red Wings defenceman Danny DeKeyser and because of the way the Boston Bruins winger plays on the edge between the whistles and after.

Then Lucic scored the tying goal, silencing the building and helping the Bruins take a commanding lead in the series they wrapped up Saturday. Asked if the chants made scoring that goal more satisfying, the Vancouver native just smiled.

"I'd be lying if I said no," he said. "I mean, any athlete would be lying if they said it doesn't. It was good to get that one."

Lucic fits the bill as the perfect playoff villain, and certainly not just in Detroit. His role as a hated opponent is sure to ramp up in the second round against the Montreal Canadiens as part of an intense rivalry where tempers tend to flare.

Last month Lucic called Habs defenceman Alexei Emelin a "chicken" for delivering a low hip check on him. This is the fourth series in the past seven years between Boston and Montreal, and given fans' and players' long memories, that remark won't be forgotten when the teams take the ice at Bell Centre for Games 3 and 4.

That's OK with Lucic, a player who seems to thrive when being booed and heckled.

"That's the beauty of sports: The fans get into it and it's what makes it fun as well, especially in a playoff series type of atmosphere," the 25-year-old said last week in Detroit. "You can't let it get the best of you. You want to try to get out there and create that satisfaction for yourself and come up with a big play."

Lucic came up with a handful of big plays as the Bruins dispatched the Red Wings in five games. He had three goals and an assist combined with just one minor penalty.

No penalty was called on Lucic for deliberately spearing DeKeyser in the groin area from behind in Game 1, and he was not suspended. Instead, the NHL fined him $5,000.

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Takes one to know one

"He just runs around out there, he's a force in himself. He's a great guy to have on our team."

Brad Marchand on his Bruins teammate Milan Lucic

Calgary

Fire lit under Flames' new GM

After seven years of learning the ropes in Phoenix, Brad Treliving says he's ready to return home and take the reins of an NHL team in a hockey-mad market.

The Flames announced Monday that Treliving, a former assistant general manager with the Coyotes, will take over the vacant GM spot in Calgary.

"I'm ready for this," Treliving said.

"I know the challenges here we have ahead of us as a team ... I know the expectations of this market. I know the expectations of this fan base. And I want you to know I'm prepared for this and I'm ready for this challenge."

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Carolina

Rutherford out, Francis in as Hurricanes GM

Jim Rutherford is stepping down as general manager of the Carolina Hurricanes and the team has promoted Hall of Fame player Ron Francis to replace him.

In a series of moves announced Monday, the Hurricanes also hired Mike Vellucci as assistant GM and director of hockey operations and promoted Brian Tatum to assistant general manager.

The 65-year-old Rutherford spent two decades as the club's GM, and helped shepherd its move from Hartford to North Carolina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Malkin leads Pens in shedding Jackets

Penguins Matt Niskanen, right, Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby celebrate one of Malkin's three goals against the Blue Jackets during Game 6 of their first-round playoff series Monday in Columbus. JAY LAPRETE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Evgeni Malkin had a hat trick and the Pittsburgh Penguins almost blew a four-goal lead before beating the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-3 on Monday night to clinch their first-round playoff series in six games.

The Blue Jackets, closer to making tee times than thinking about a Game 7, scored three times in a 4:52 span in the third period to turn up the pressure on the Penguins.

Pittsburgh awaits the winner of the New York-Philadelphia series, with the Rangers leading 3-2 going into Tuesday night's Game 6.

Game 6

Penguins	Blue Jackets
4	3

Brandon Sutter also scored and Matt Niskanen had two assists as the Penguins became the first team in the series to score first and win — but barely. Marc-Andre Fleury made 24 saves.

Fedor Tyutin, Artem Anisimov and Nick Foligno scored late to thrill a crowd of 19,189 who stood and roared for the final four minutes.

The Penguins were hard-pressed to just fight off the upstart Blue Jackets after goalie Sergei Bobrovsky, who also had 24 saves, was pulled for an extra attacker with under two minutes left.

It was Malkin's 10th career three-goal game.

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Leading while learning on the job

NBA playoffs. After shaky Game 1, Raptors swingman is displaying 'superstar' potential

Swingman DeMar DeRozan is averaging 24.5 points per game through the first four games of the Raptors' series with the Brooklyn Nets. Game 5 goes Wednesday night in Toronto. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Remember skittish DeMar DeRozan, the youngster who was overwhelmed by his first appearance in the NBA playoffs, the guy who was going warp speed when he should have been playing at a pedestrian level?

Seems so long ago now that he's becoming a "superstar" in the eyes of Toronto Raptors teammate Kyle Lowry, leading a young team while learning about the playoff atmosphere and intensity as he goes along.

"I thought he went through Game 1 and experienced that and got that out of the way. From that, he grew and gained confidence," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said on a conference call Monday.

"It's great to see DeMar grow, there's still room for more growth on his part and he knows it, on the defensive end and places in the offensive areas, but where he came from he's grown by leaps and bounds."

Because of him, so have the Raptors.

After a sluggish start to the series, DeRozan has started to dominate it. He had back-to-back games of 30 points or more in Games 2 and 3 and led the Raptors in scoring with 24 points in a huge Game 4 that tied the best-of-seven series with the Brooklyn Nets 2-2 going into Wednesday's Game 5 at the Air Canada Centre.

"What's a beautiful thing is there's a lot more there with him and the same with Kyle (Lowry)," said Casey.

Lowry, who had 22 points in the Game 4 win despite being limited by a sore right knee, is another key Raptor who has grown more comfortable with the level of play.

"Kyle has proven to the league that he's one of the elite point guards in the league with his leadership," said Casey. "Not only his ability but his approach to the game, being a positive teammate. All those things are part of growing with those guys but in no way are we satisfied or are they satisfied.

"They're going to continue to grow even through this series because it's going to take some growth in some areas for us to be successful."

But if the Raptors think they have assumed control of the series after Sunday's road win, they are sadly mistaken.

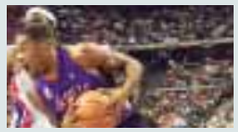
"No, none whatsoever," Casey said, discussing momentum. "It's not my first rodeo in a playoff situation. You're not as comfortable after a win as you are down after a loss. You have to treat each game separately, you approach each game separately. We have to go into the next game as if we lost the last game, that's the mentality we've got to go in with. You can't go in too high.

"If we had lost (Sunday) night, we couldn't go in too low. That's the mentality we're going into the game with. In a playoff situation, the word momentum is used too much." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Top 5 Raptors playoff games

5 Vince Carter vs. 76ers, Game 3, 2001.
Philadelphia's Allen Iverson had 54 points as the Sixers won Game 2 but Carter followed up with a performance for the ages with 50 points in a 102-78 victory in Game 3.

4 Kyle Lowry vs. Nets, Game 4, 2014.
A loss trailing 2-1 in the series likely would have been fatal and Lowry, who was far from 100 per cent with a gimpy right knee, put up 22 points in the Raptors' 87-79 win.



3 Antonio Davis vs. Pistons, Game 3, 2002.
Davis, who led a last-season push just to get into the playoffs, had 30 points and eight rebounds in a 94-84 win with the Raptors trailing 2-0 in the best-of-five first-round series.

2 DeMar DeRozan vs. Nets, Game 2, 2014.
He was held in check in Game 1 but exploded for 17 points in the fourth quarter — he had 30 on the night — as the Raps won to even the series.

1 Jose Calderon vs. Nets, Game 5, 2007.
Calderon scored a playoff career-high 25 points with starter T.J. Ford injured to help extend the series to Game 6.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NBA playoffs

Rivers passes on chance to talk with Sterling

Los Angeles Clippers coach Doc Rivers said he declined a chance to speak with owner Donald Sterling, who is alleged to have made racist comments in a recorded conversation.

"I was asked (if) I need to talk with Donald, and I passed, quite honestly," Rivers said Monday. "I don't think right now is the time or the place, for me, at least. I just took a pass."

Sterling is purported to have told a woman not to bring black people to his games or associate with them.

"Yeah, I believe he said those things. But I still want to make sure," Rivers said during a conference call. "As far as believing those things? I heard what he said. Until someone tells me differently, you usually listen to what people say. I haven't given him his due process. I haven't given him an opportunity to explain himself and quite honestly right now I don't want him to. I want to wait for that further judgment."

The coach cancelled practice Monday, a day after a 118-97 loss to the Golden State Warriors that evened their playoff series at 2-2.
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Soccer

Alves supported for biting response

Barcelona defender Dani Alves has received an outpouring of support for his response to a racist taunt during a game, while Villarreal issued a lifetime ban to the season-ticket holder who threw a banana at him.

Alves, who is black, was about to take a corner in Sunday's 3-2 win at Villarreal's El Madrigal Stadium when a banana landed on the pitch in front of him. The Brazil international picked it up, peeled it and ate some of it before throwing the rest aside.

"Villarreal deeply regrets and condemns the incident that happened," Villarreal said in a statement on Monday. "The club has already identified the (culprit) and has decided to withdraw his season tickets, permanently."
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will be quick off the mark both physically and mentally today, especially if you see a chance to make some money.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You feel like you can take on the world and win – and most likely you can. Today's eclipse in your sign endows you with the confidence to try things that at others times might scare you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You are paying far too much attention to what other people are saying and not enough to what your heart is telling you. You just need follow your own inner voice.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Something you have been worrying about for ages won't bother you any more. Most likely that is because you are starting to focus on issues that really matter rather than issues that are of no importance.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Today's solar eclipse in the career area of your chart will give you the energy and the confidence to put yourself forward and let people in positions of power and authority know you are special.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Voices may be raised over the next 24 hours but if you adopt the right attitude it will pass by and leave you unscathed. What you need most right now is a sense of humour.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There is no point arguing with people who refuse to see sense. It may be tempting to show them up with your knowledge but why bother?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will be extremely energetic today but the solar eclipse in your opposite sign of Taurus means you cannot expect to get everything your own way. Some of your rivals are every bit as relentless as you.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may find it hard to be patient today but stay in control and don't let your temper get the better of you. The planets warn if you get annoyed you could do yourself harm.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can expect some kind of breakthrough over the next 24 hours, the kind you will remember for years to come. Whatever it is you dream of you know it can be done.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Make sure you get the up front support of loved ones before embarking on a new course of action. Try to persuade them that what you desire will also be good for them.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The message of the stars today is that you need to stop wasting time on so many irrelevant activities. Cut back on the partying and all those unnecessary commitments.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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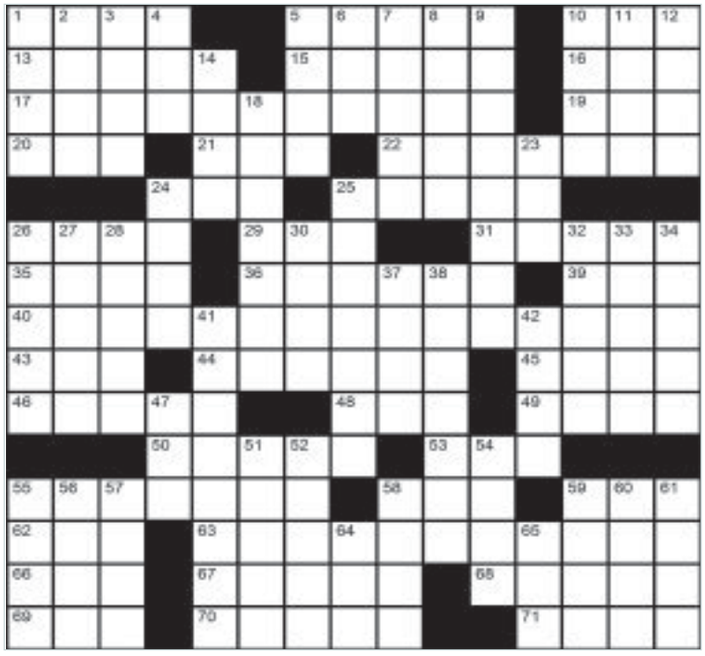
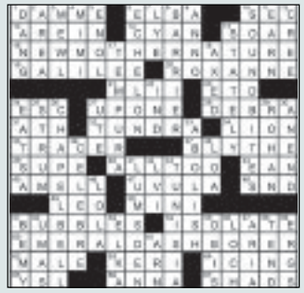


Across
1. Toronto electronic music duo, __ Dead
5. 'Great'-meaning prefix to 'fy' or 'ficent'
10. Financial exec's degree
13. Mr. Flynn
15. Ozone-damaging refrigerant
16. 'Eight' ender
17. Mariner's mercantile mission mapways: 2 wds.
19. __ fashioned
20. Nova Scotia hrs.
21. Bard's 'throughout'
22. Winnipeg, 'The __ to the West'
24. Demise
25. The __ (Irish siblings band)
26. New newts
29. Tetley drink
31. Basket-making fibre
35. Swill
36. Gloria __ (High-profile American lawyer)
39. Tuber serving
40. "Hot Tonight" band from Newmarket, ON: 3 wds.
43. Excavated material
44. Barker's boarding building
45. Prefix with 'dynamic'
46. Comic strip square
48. "And if your heart's strong, hold __, _ won't delay." - The Beatles, "Wait"
49. Attraction
50. Parrot
53. "Gangnam Style" artist
55. Parade bigwig
58. Creature in ancient Egyptian art
59. The __, Manitoba
62. Toronto's Dan- forth, e.g.
63. 'Very boring' job in "Echo Beach" by Martha & The Muffins: 2 wds.
66. Family
67. Intended
68. Cliff nest, variantly
69. Peculiar
70. PGA, et al.
71. Fret

Down
1. Greek†alphabet's 6th letter
2. Blunders
3. "Shucks!"
4. Lawn roll
5. "Dial _ __ Murder" (1954)
6. Indonesia's __ Islands
7. Square-one
8. ___ __ for music (Not exactly a maestro)
9. Good way to take things: 2 wds.
10. Woof's counterpart
11. Mr. Lugosi
12. Mr. Warhol
14. Mr. Trotsky
18. Bureaucrat's adhesive?: 2 wds.
23. 'Heir' suffix
24. Behold
25. Infomercial's prompt to order: 2 wds.
26. Impede
27. Plant†life
28. Commuter's payment
30. Father-in-law for Esau
32. Jesse __ Ferguson of "Modern Family"
33. Famous soap couple, Luke and __
34. Curve
37. Nada in Nice?
38. 1983 Bonnie Tyler hit: "Total __ of the Heart"
41. Musical of 1943!
42. Elizabeth __ Stanton (Suffragist, b.1815 - d.1902)
47. Bad __ (German spa resort)
51. Montreal 'coffees'
52. As, in code
54. Microchip-implanting gr.
55. Shark sort
56. Passionate
57. Splinter
58. Memorizes the script and does this
59. Chipper
60. Indy 500 champ Mr. Luyendyk
61. Twist, as facts
64. Bed-and-Breakfast
65. __ Miserables

Friday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
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